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RE: **U.S. Patent Application No. 09/673,428
Title: SECURITY ELEMENT TO PREVENT
COUNTERFEITING OF VALUE DOCUMENTS**

OUR REFERENCE: **CASM116373**

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Please see attached amendment for the above-identified application.

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Applicant: P. Lippens et al. Attorney Docket No. CASM116373
Application No.: 09/673,428 Group Art Unit: 1772
Filed: December 5, 2000 Examiner: C.A. Simone
Title: SECURITY ELEMENT TO PREVENT COUNTERFEITING
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A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.
 2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	38	Minus	38	=	0	x	18	=	0.00
Independent Claims	1	Minus	3	=	0	x	86	=	0.00
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment									\$0.00

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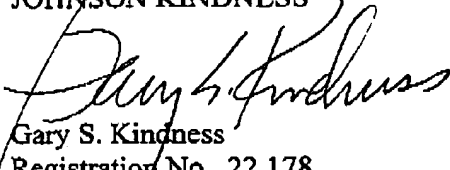
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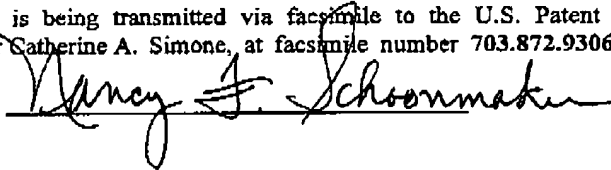
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